

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STEVEN SMITH, :  
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Plaintiff, : 23-CV-8516 (JMF)  
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-v- :  
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FAIRCOM, LLC et al., :  
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Defendants. :  
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

In light of the holidays, counsel shall submit their proposed case management plan and joint letter, *see* ECF No. 7, by **Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** The parties should indicate in their joint letter whether they can do without a conference altogether. If so, the Court may enter a case management plan and scheduling order and the parties need not appear. If not (or if the Court concludes that, the parties' views notwithstanding, a conference should be held), the Court will hold the initial conference **by telephone**, albeit perhaps at a different time. To that end, counsel should indicate in their joint letter dates and times during the week of the conference that they would be available for a telephone conference. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, however, the conference will proceed — and will do so on the date and time previously set.

In the event a conference is held, the parties should join it by calling the Court's dedicated conference line at (888) 363-4749 and using access code 542-1540, followed by the pound (#) key. Further, counsel should review and comply with the procedures for telephone conferences set forth in the Court's Individual Rules and Practices for Civil Cases, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>, including Rule 3(B)(i), which requires the parties, **no later than 24 hours before the conference**, to send a joint email to the Court with the names and honorifics (e.g., Mr., Ms., Dr., etc.) of counsel who may speak during the teleconference and the telephone numbers from which counsel expect to join the call.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 27, 2023  
New York, New York



JESSE M. FURMAN  
United States District Judge